

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Matanuska-Susitna Borough



The Matanuska-Susitna Borough is the third largest borough in the state, both physically and in terms of population. Nine out of ten borough residents live along the road system between Willow and Sutton. The borough is the fastest growing region of the state, largely based on its proximity to Anchorage; nearly 40 percent of the borough residents work in Anchorage. It is Alaska's leading agricultural area. Tourism is a growth area.

- ◆ The estimated population for 2008 was 82,515, a gain of about 23,193 since the 2000 Census.
- ◆ About 59 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ◆ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 22 percent of the area's workers.
- ◆ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

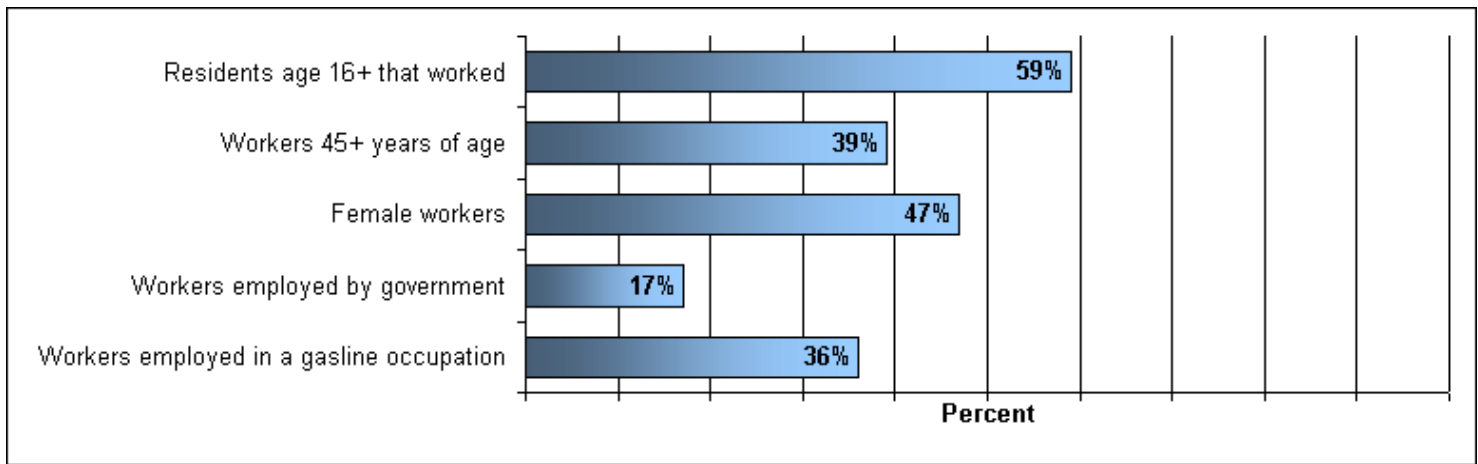
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Matanuska-Susitna Borough Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	60,462	Total wages	\$1,330,500,043
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	35,528	Private	29,568
Male	18,856	State government	2,197
Female	16,649	Local government	3,766
Age 45+	13,758	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	9,201	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	31,540
		Percent working all 4 quarters	68.1%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	5,624	Some construction	9,499
		At least 1 year construction	6,067
		At least 2 years construction	4,114
New Hires		Worked in an AGIA occupation	24,833
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2008 Residents

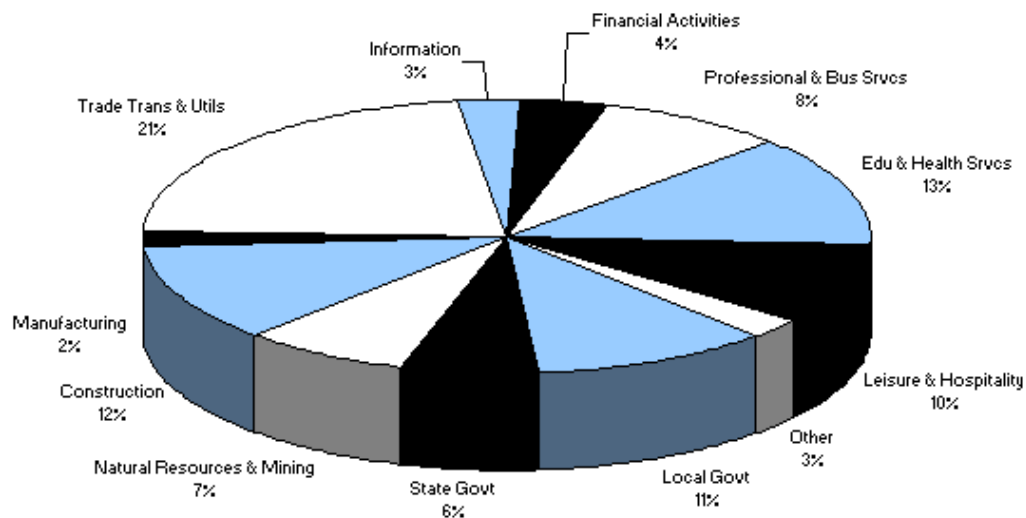


Top Occupations

	Those Who Live in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who Work in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Retail Salespersons	1,385	57.9%	313	6.3%	9.9%
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	1,069	71.1%	341	4.0%	3.0%
Cashiers	940	73.6%	168	7.7%	9.7%
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	879	12.5%	110	14.8%	18.2%
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	831	61.0%	24	4.9%	10.8%
Office Clerks, General AGIA	746	80.7%	212	5.6%	8.3%
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	718	4.7%	236	20.0%	11.4%
Carpenters AGIA HOT JOB	629	1.4%	123	9.9%	15.0%
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	606	76.9%	254	3.7%	21.3%
Registered Nurses HOT JOB	588	90.5%	259	6.5%	10.0%
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	497	40.9%	158	12.2%	7.4%
Electricians AGIA HOT JOB	444	3.4%	96	22.5%	12.7%
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA	427	75.9%	102	7.7%	6.3%
Waiters and Waitresses	417	84.4%	54	6.6%	24.3%
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA	414	16.2%	68	13.7%	13.3%
Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	408	2.7%	51	0.0%	0.0%
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer AGIA HOT JOB	405	4.0%	147	9.1%	13.6%
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks AGIA HOT JOB	404	94.1%	141	6.5%	2.9%
Receptionists and Information Clerks AGIA	399	94.7%	86	7.4%	7.4%
General and Operations Managers	386	39.9%	138	13.5%	3.3%

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Those Who Live in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who Work in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Natural Resources and Mining	2,636	8.2%	654	11.6%	18.5%
Construction	4,126	11.8%	847	14.1%	15.9%
Manufacturing	549	17.3%	126	9.0%	6.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	7,912	43.4%	2,024	8.8%	12.3%
Information	1,034	48.6%	272	11.0%	4.7%
Financial Activities	1,307	67.5%	293	5.8%	7.7%
Professional and Business Services	2,951	43.6%	744	16.8%	11.7%
Educational and Health Services	4,682	81.2%	1,404	7.1%	10.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	3,398	60.3%	434	7.7%	19.8%
State Government	2,197	47.1%	798	11.1%	3.7%
Local Government	3,766	63.9%	1,385	4.2%	2.9%
Other	928	48.1%	215	13.1%	14.0%

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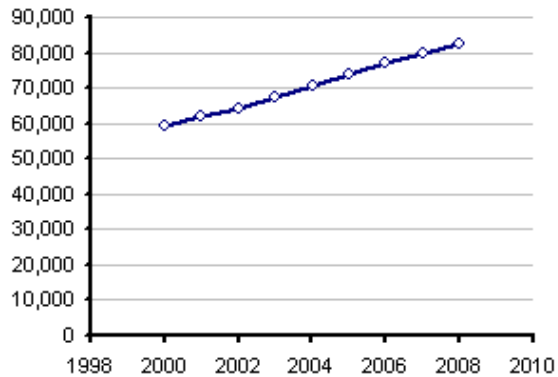
Recent Unemployment Statistics				
	03/2009	04/2009	05/2009	06/2009
UI Claimants**	3,468	3,331	2,919	2,768
Unemployment Rate (Not seasonally adjusted)	11.2%	9.7%	9.2%	9.9%

**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Mat Su Borough Schools
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Wal-Mart Associates Inc
Palmer-Wasilla Health System LLC
Veco Alaska Inc
Fred Meyer Stores Inc
ASRC Energy Services O&M Inc
Matanuska Susitna Borough
Nana Management Services LLC
Municipality of Anch Payroll

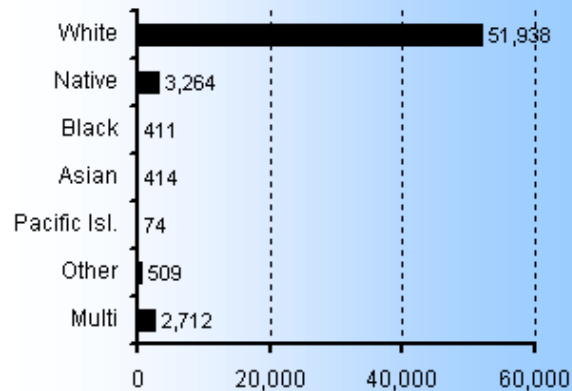
Population over Time



2000 Census

Median Age	34.1
Average Family Size	3.3
Average Household Size	2.8
Per Capita Income	\$21,105
Median Family Income	\$56,939
Median Household Income	\$51,221

Population by Race



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

2008 Rental Costs and Vacancy Rates

	Contract Average	Adjusted Average	Contract Median	Adjusted Median	Vacancy Rate
All Units	\$811	\$902	\$750	\$828	5.6%

Single Family Units

Average All SF Homes	\$1,034	\$1,221			
1 Bedroom	\$693	\$795	\$675	\$797	8.0%
2 Bedrooms	\$823	\$990	\$800	\$991	7.9%
3 Bedrooms	\$1,133	\$1,334	\$1,100	\$1,309	4.0%
4 Bedrooms	\$1,295	\$1,527	\$1,350	\$1,584	0.0%

Apartments

Average All Apartments	\$770	\$839			
0 Bedrooms	\$575	\$585	\$495	\$495	5.3%
1 Bedroom	\$689	\$736	\$699	\$745	3.3%
2 Bedrooms	\$781	\$861	\$750	\$883	6.2%
3 Bedrooms	\$973	\$1,068	\$950	\$1,019	7.4%

2008 Type of Energy Used for Rentals

	Heating	Hot Water	Cooking
Natural Gas	89.8%	85.2%	40.8%
Oil	3.3%	0.9%	0.0%
Electric	5.7%	13.3%	56.5%
Other	1.2%	0.6%	2.7%

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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